

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. Claims 1, 3-12 and 14-24 were previously pending in this application. Claims 1, 3, 10, 11, 12, 14, 20, 21 and 23 have been amended. As a result, claims 1, 3-12 and 14-24 are pending for examination with claims 1, 12 and 23 being independent claims. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C §102

The Office Action rejects claim 1, 3, 8, 10-11, 12, 14, 19 and 21-24 (including independent claims 1, 12 and 23) under 35 U.S.C. §102 based on Trolltech. Applicants respectfully disagree to the extent the rejection is maintained over the claims as amended herein.

Support for the amendments to claim 1 may be found throughout the application as filed. As amended, claim 1 recites “an application program executing on an operating system.” Paragraphs 25-26 describe both applications and an operating system. Interactions between the application program and system resource loader or graphic data interface are described at paragraph 29. The claim as amended also recites a “plurality of translation tables having an hierarchy” and “the application translation table being higher in the hierarchy than the core translation table.” Support for these limitations maybe found, for example, at paragraph 33 and FIG. 10 of the application as filed.

Applicants respectfully submit that Trolltech does not meet all limitations of claim 1 and the rejection should be withdrawn. For example, claim 1 recites: “with the application program, performing an interaction with the operating system during which source data in a source language is exchanged with one of a system resource loader or a graphic data interface.” The claim further requires: “within the operating system, intercepting the source data during the interaction.” Trolltech does not describe such a system. As understood, the portions of Trolltech cited as meeting the “intercepting” limitation describe tools that assist the application developer build and maintain translation tables (See page 10). Developer tools, therefore do not meet the limitation of the claim that requires “intercepting the source data *during the interaction*.” The cited passage also does not meet the portion of the claim that requires the intercepting to be “*within the operating system*.”

For at least these reasons, the rejection of claim 1 should be withdrawn. Moreover, claim 1 recites additional limitations not met by Trolltech. For example, claim 1 recites a “plurality of translation tables having an hierarchy.” The claim further recites that the plurality of translation tables comprises “an application translation table provided in conjunction with the application and a core translation table provided in conjunction with the operating system.” Though Trolltech mentions translation tables, the reference does not teach “an application translation table” and “a core translation table.” It follows further that the reference does not teach “the application table being higher in the hierarchy than the core translation table.”

For these additional reasons, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Independent Claim 12

Independent Claim 12 also recites limitations that distinguish over Trolltech. As amended, claim 12 recites “means for intercepting data exchanged in the source language between and application program and one of a system resource for graphic data interface.” The claim also recites that “the plurality of means for translating having an hierarchy.” For reasons that should be apparent from the discussion of the application as filed in conjunction with claim 1 above, the application as filed supports the amendments to claim 12. Based on the description of Trolltech above in connection with claim 1, it should also be apparent that the reference does not meet all limitations of claims 12. For example, tools to assist an application developer described in Trolltech do not meet the limitation “means for intercepting data exchanged in the source language between and application program and one of a system resource or graphic data interface.” The reference also does not describe a “plurality of means for translating.”

Because Trolltech does not meet all limitations of claim 12, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Independent Claim 23

Independent claim 23 has also been amended. For reasons that should be apparent from the discuss of the application as filed in connection with claim 1 above, the amendments to claim 23 are supported by the application as filed.

Claim 23 as amended distinguishes over Tolltech for reasons that should be apparent from the discussion of the reference above. For example, claim 23 recites “with an application program, performing an interaction with the operating system...”. The claim further recites “intercepting the source data during the interaction.” The tools provided to assist an application developer described in Trolltech do not meet this limitation of claim 23. For this reason alone, the rejection of claim 23 should be withdrawn.

Additional limitations of claim 23 provide further reasons that the rejection should be withdrawn. For example, claim 23 recites a “plurality of translation tables having an hierarchy.” The claim further recites “an application translation table provided in conjunction with the application and a core translation table provided in conjunction with the operating system.” The claim also recites “the application translation table being higher in the hierarchy than the core translation table.”

Dependent claims 3, 8, 10-11, 14, 19, 21-22 and 24 depend, directly or indirectly, from one of independent claims 1, 12 or 23. These claims should be allowed at least based on their dependency.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Office Action rejects claims 4-7, 9, 15-18 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103 based on Trolltech in view of Python. The rejections of each of these claims is premised on Trolltech meeting all of the limitations of one of the independent claims 1, 12 or 23. For reasons described above, Trolltech does not meet all the limitations of any of the independent claims. Accordingly, each of claims 4-7, 9, 15-18 and 20 should be allowed at least based on its dependency.

General Comments on Dependent Claims

Each of the dependent claims depends from a base claim that is believed to be in condition for allowance, and Applicants believe that it is unnecessary at this time to argue the allowability of each of the dependent claims individually. Applicants do not, however, necessarily concur with the interpretation of the dependent claims as set forth in the Office

Action, nor do Applicants concur that the basis for the rejection of any of the dependent claims is proper. Therefore, Applicants reserve the right to specifically address the patentability of the dependent claims in the future, if deemed necessary.

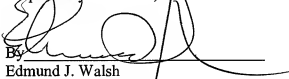
CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees filed, asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith to our Deposit Account No. 23/2825, under Docket No. M1103.70813US00 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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